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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 97-085-C - ORDER NO. 97-229  
MARCH 21, 1997

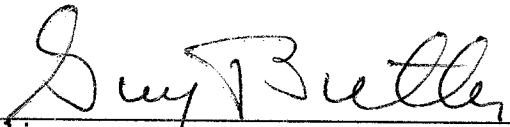
IN RE: Application for Approval of the ) ORDER  
Interconnection Agreement Negotiated ) APPROVING  
by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ) AGREEMENT  
and ICG Telecom Group, Inc. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and ICG Telecom Group, Inc. ("ICG") for approval of the interconnection agreement negotiated by and between the two companies pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

The Commission has examined this agreement and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252 of the Act. We approve the agreement as filed since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of the interconnection agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until  
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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